

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of an Office Action dated October 4, 2005. In this response Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-7, 11, and 12 and added claims 20-22. Support for these amendments may be found in the specification, *inter alia*, in paragraph [0029]. Claims 15-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Following entry of these amendments, claims 1-14 and 18-22 are pending in the application.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks which follow.

Formal Drawings

During a review of their file, Applicants have noted that the PTO has not yet acknowledged acceptance of the formal drawing submitted on December 2, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the PTO acknowledge acceptance of the drawing in its next communication.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the PTO's indication, on page 3 of the Office Action, the PTO has stated that claims 1-19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

On page 2 of the Office Action, the PTO has rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. In this response, Applicants have amended claims and, as set forth below, respectfully traverse the outstanding rejection in view of these amendments.

With respect to the reference to "highly crystalline" and the typographical error in lines 9-10 in claim 1, Applicants have cancelled the phrase "highly crystalline" and, in the manner suggested by the PTO, corrected the typographical error by replacing the term "polypropylene" with the term "propylene" thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants note that these amendments do not narrow the scope of claim 1.

With respect to claims 3 and 4, in accordance with the PTO's suggestion, Applicants have amended claim 4 to replace phrase "2-20%" with "less than 20%". Applicants note that this amendment does not narrow the scope of either claim 3 or claim 4.

With respect to claims 5-7, Applicants have deleted the phrase "(LDPE) or ultralow-density polyethylene". Inasmuch as claims 5-7 remain directed to the claimed density ranges, Applicants submit that these amendments do not narrow the scope of these claims.

With respect to claim 12, Applicants have amended the claim to correct the typographical error noted by the PTO. This amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 12.

Finally, with respect to the percentages recited in claim 13, Applicants have amended the claim so that it is clear that the recited percentages refer to percent by weight. Inasmuch as the recited percentages in claim 13 were subsets of a range of percents by weight recited in claim 12, Applicants submit that this amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 13.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection under §112.

Newly Added Claims

In this response, Applicants have added claims 20-22. Applicants submit that each of these claims is allowable for the same reason as claim 1 from which each of these newly added claims ultimately depends.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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